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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of a Fifty or plant application fled on or after June 8, 1995. See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

## Address to:

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Application Number: 09/762,497

Filing Date: February 7, 2001

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Group Art Unit: 2872

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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 1.

- Previously submitted
  - □ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
  - Other iii. □
- Enclosed b.
  - i. Amendment/Reply
  - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. 🗆 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. Other

## □ Miscellaneous 2.

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).

b. Other

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      ☑ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ii. □ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - iii. 🛚 Other
  - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$

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APPLICANT:

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Forwarded herewith is the above-identified Request for Continued Examination, consisting of the following:

Request for Continued Examination (2 Sheets)

Response

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